

**ORGANIZATION MEETING****JULY 11, 1967—12:00 NOON****TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN****WILLIAM S. JAMES, PRESIDING**

**THE CHAIRMAN:** The delegates will please take their seats. The Chair would like to call the Convention to order pursuant to the Proclamation of the Governor, dated 26 June 1967, and under the authority of Chapter 4 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1967.

I would like, in the absence of Mr. Sampson to call on Senator Edward T. Hall for the invocation.

Whereupon the invocation was delivered by Senator Hall.

**THE CHAIRMAN:** The Chair would like to announce the appointment of temporary personnel: Mr. J. Waters Parrish, Secretary; Mr. John C. Brooks, Assistant Secretary; Mr. James P. Mause, Chief Clerk; Mr. Oden Bowie, Journal Clerk; Mr. John J. Nowakowski, Assistant Journal Clerk.

The Chair would like to deliver to the Temporary Secretary, and also the Secretary of the Senate of Maryland, an official message from the Secretary of State, listing the delegates to the Convention. I would like to ask the Temporary Secretary to call the roll.

Whereupon the roll was called by Temporary Secretary Parrish.

**THE SECRETARY:** A quorum is present.

**THE CHAIRMAN:** A quorum being present, the organizational meeting of the Maryland Constitutional Convention is now in session.

The first order of business is the administration of the oath and the signing of the test book by the delegates; the Honorable Hall Hammond will administer the oath. I will ask the Secretary to call nine names at a time, and in response thereto, I will ask the delegates to approach the rostrum on my right. Nine oaths will be administered at one time by the Chief Judge. It will be necessary to sign the test book after administration of the oath.

*(The oath was administered.)*

**DELEGATE SICKLES:** A parliamentary inquiry. There are two gentlemen from the second legislative district, Mr. Charles Dukes and Mr. Melvin Schneider, both of whom are absent at this point. Mr. Dukes

is currently in Geneva attending the Conference on World Peace. He is a chairman of a subcommittee. That was arranged a year or more ago. The other gentleman, Mr. Schneider is currently taking the bar examination for the practice of law in the State of Maryland, and if it is necessary to make a motion, I will make a motion. If not, I would hope that the record would show that these two gentlemen are not only absent, but they have an excused absence.

**THE CHAIRMAN:** The record will so indicate. The Secretary is instructed to have it so indicated in the record.

The Chair would like to read you a memorandum. This will merely be a reading and recognition of the guests. I will ask them to stand and be recognized:

The Honorable Raymond Broderick, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Mr. Robert Sidman, Executive Director of A Modern Constitution for Pennsylvania, Inc.; the Honorable Marvin Mandel, Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland and alternate Temporary Chairman of this Convention; the Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin, former Governor and present Mayor of Baltimore; the Honorable Hall Hammond, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland who administered the oath to the delegates, and who, I might say, has worked overtime in his role this morning; the Honorable Robert C. Murphy, Chief Judge of the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland; the Chief Judges of the eight Judicial Circuits of Maryland; the Honorable Robert F. Sweeney, Deputy Attorney General of Maryland; the Honorable Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury of Maryland; the Honorable John A. Luetkemeyer, Treasurer of Maryland; the Honorable C. Stanley Blair, Secretary of State of the State of Maryland; the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader and the Chairmen of the Committee on Judicial Proceedings and the Committee on Economic Affairs of the Senate of Maryland; the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader and the Majority Whip and the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Delegates; United States Senators Brewster and Tydings, and our eight United States Congressmen.

I would like to ask the Secretary to read the Temporary Committee appointments.

**THE SECRETARY:** List of Committees appointed by the Temporary Chairman:

Temporary Committee on Program, Honorable Murray Abramson, Chairman; Honorable Herbert R. O'Connor, Jr., Vice Chair-